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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 6, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims as pending are included beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.